Finding Aid to the Mark Adrignola Behavioral Modification Conference Zap Photographs Coll2014-120

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Abstract: Negatives, contact sheets, and photographic prints of the Gay Liberation Front (GLF) zap of the Behavior Modification Conference in Los Angeles, California, photographed by Mark Adrignola. Adrignola and Walter Blumoff had documented the event as freelance photographers. The Advocate published Adrignola's photographs in the November 11, 1970 issue on page one and page three.

Biographical Note
Mark Adrignola was born and raised in the midwestern United States, he relocated to Los Angeles where he met Walt Blumoff, a freelance photographer. Blumoff asked Adrignola to join him in photographing Gay Liberation Front (GLF) zap of the Behavioral Modification Conference in Los Angeles. Adrignola had recently received a new camera and was eager to give it a try. The Advocate selected his images for the news article published in the November 11, 1970 issue on pages one and three. He later moved to Houston and then Thailand. In 2014, he married his husband.

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The Gay Liberation Front (GLF) members interrupted Dr. M. Philip Feldman's film documenting aversion therapy treatments of gays and took control of the behavioral modification conference session. Dr. Albert Marston of the University of Southern California, the moderator of the session, and GLF members agreed to break into small groups to discuss aversion therapy. Arignola captured the event and sold his photographs to the The Advocate. His photographs include images of Tony De Rosa, Lee Heflin, Morris Kight, Don Kilhefner, Brenda Weathers, Carolyn Weathers, and Del Whan (identified as Dell Reed). Mitchell, Pam. "Honey, We Unshunk the Shrinkers." In Smash the Church, Smash the State!: The Early Years of Gay Liberation, edited by Tommi Avicolli.Mecca, 182-189. San Francisco, Calif: City Lights Books, 2009.


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